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•Comments:

Examiner Summons,

Please find attached hereto the following documents for the above-identified application:

1. Amendment;
2. Amendment Transmittal; and
3. One (1) Credit Card Payment form.

Respectfully submitted,



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Serial No.: 10/735,744	Examiner: B. Summons
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Title: LADDER FILTER, BRANCHING FILTER, AND COMMUNICATION APPARATUS	

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ Amendments to the Specification begin on page of this paper.
- ☒ Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ Amendments to the Drawings begin on page of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. An Appendix including the amended drawing figures is attached following page of this paper.
- ☒ Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application.


- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
 — A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 — No additional fee is required.

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